

THE WATTS LAW.

An Act to Regulate the Manufacture and Sale of Liquors in North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to manufacture, sell or otherwise dispose of for gain any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters within the State of North Carolina, except in incorporated cities and towns where in the sale or manufacture of liquor is not or may not hereafter be prohibited by law or regulated by special statute: Provided, this act shall not be construed to forbid the sale of such spirituous, vinous or malt liquors by druggists for sickness upon the written prescription of a legally qualified physician having such person under his charge: Provided further, that this act shall not be construed as to apply to wine or cider manufactured from grapes, berries or fruits raised on the lands of the person manufacturing, or purchased by the manufacturer from the growers thereof: Provided further, that this act shall not be construed to apply to brandy, manufactured from fruit or grapes and sold in original packages of not less than five gallons.

Sec. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm or corporation to manufacture, sell or otherwise dispose of for gain any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters, except as hereinbefore provided, in any incorporated city or town, without first obtaining as provided by law, a license therefor, both from the Board of Commissioners of the county in which said town or city is situated, and from the Board of Aldermen or City Councilmen, or the governing authorities, by whatever name called, of said city or town.

Sec. 3. That any person violating the provisions of this act with reference to the sale or disposition for gain of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned not exceeding six months or fined not exceeding \$200, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 4. That any person violating the provisions of this act with reference to the manufacture of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned not less than four months nor more than two years; and upon a second conviction of a similar offence the person shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be imprisoned not less than one or more than three years, and fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 5. That any physician who shall make any prescription, except in the case of sickness, for the purpose of aiding or abetting any person or persons who are not bona fide under his charge, to purchase any

intoxicating liquors contrary to the provisions of this act, and any druggist who shall duplicate the prescription of a physician for intoxicating liquors for any person or persons not bona fide under his charge, without the written direction of the physician who gave the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court, for each and every offense; and all liquors by prescription as aforesaid shall keep a record thereof, which shall bear the true dates of the sales, and be subject at all times to the inspection of the Solicitor of the district and of the Mayor and police officers of the city or town in which said druggist's business is located, and all other persons; and any such druggist failing to keep the record aforesaid, or refusing to permit examination of such record by the officers named, and all other persons, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell wine manufactured from fruit or grapes grown by himself, in quantities less than one gallon, and said wine shall not be drunk upon the premises where sold. Any person violating the provisions of this section, either by selling in quantities of less than one gallon or by drinking wine on the premises where sold, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable at the discretion of the court: Provided, that the provisions of section 6 shall not apply to churches wishing to procure wine for communion services.

(Sections 7 to 18 relate to establishment and conduct of dispensaries.)

Sec. 19. That nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal, alter or amend any special act prohibiting or regulating the manufacture and sale of liquors in any locality, township county or incorporated city or town.

Sec. 20. That this act shall be in force from after July 1, 1903.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this 26th day of February, A. D. 1903.

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